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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: CHANG et al. Docket No.: 372465-01401
Serial No.: 10/669,496 Art Unit: 2825
Filed: September 23, 2003 Examiner: Siek, Vuthe
For: METHOD FOR FASTER TIMING CLOSURE AND BETTER QUALITY OF RESULTS
IN IC PHYSICAL DESIGN

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

I. ENCLOSURES

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-referenced application:

☒ 4 Page Amendment & Response Under 37 CFR 1.116.

II. STATUS

☒ Applicant is a large entity.

III. EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00

Fee \$0.00

☐ If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being forwarded via facsimile to Examiner Siek, Vuthe in Art Group Unit 2825 at facsimil. number 571.273.8300 located at Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on

Date: January 3, 2006

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IV. FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)					
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee		Rate	Addit. Fee
Total * 4	Minus *0*	20	0	x25=	\$0	x50=	\$0
Indep. * 2	Minus *0*	3	0	x100=	\$0	x200=	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+180=	\$0	x360=	\$0
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$0	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$0

- ☒ No additional fee for claims required.
☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$0.

V. FEE PAYMENT

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2778 the sum of \$0 for _____.


VI. FEE DEFICIENCY

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2778.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the office action mailed on October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.